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Ms. Sandra Morin
Regina Walsh Acres

Hon. Maynard Sonntag
Meadow Lake

Mr. Kim Trew
Regina Coronation Park

[The committee met at 11:00.]

**General Revenue Fund
First Nations and Métis Relations
Vote 25**

The Chair: — Okay. I'll call to order the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure.

The item of business before the committee this morning is the consideration of estimates for First Nations and Métis Relations. Is the committee ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Chair: — Question being called. The vote will be on vote 25, central management and services, (FN01), for \$1,375,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Policy coordination and support for Aboriginal organizations, (FN02), for \$3,475,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Gaming agreement, (FN03), for \$27,410,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Treaty land entitlement, (FN04), for 10,242,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — I'll invite a member to move the following motion:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12-month period ending March 31, 2006 the following sums, for First Nations and Métis Relations, 42,502,000.

Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — And I'll invite a member to move that motion. Ms. Morin. Ms. Morin has moved. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

[Vote 25 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund
Highways and Transportation
Vote 16**

The Chair: — The next item of business before the committee will be the consideration of estimates for Highways and

Transportation, vote 16. Is the committee ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Chair: — Question being put, vote 16, central management and services, (HI01), for 16,182,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Operations and transportation systems, (HI10), for 69,078,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Highways and Transportation, vote 16, prevention of transportation safety, zero four, for 80,131,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Transportation policy, (HI06), for 2,041,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Custom work activities for (HI09) for . . . Machinery and equipment for (HI13), 7,500,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Amortization is a non-voting, non-cash expense and is present for information purposes only. And that is for 94,430,000.

**General Revenue Fund
Highways and Transportation Capital
Vote 17**

The Chair: — Highways and Transportation capital, vote 17. Infrastructure rehabilitation, (HC01), for 43,481,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Infrastructure enhancement, (HC02), for 81,617,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**General Revenue Fund
Lending and Investing Activities
Highways and Transportation
Vote 145**

The Chair: — Lending and investment activities, Highways and Transportation, vote 145, Loans for short-term rail lines, (HI01). To be voted is 800,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**General Revenue Fund
Supplementary Estimates
Highways and Transportation
Vote 16**

The Chair: — Okay. From supplementary estimates, Highways and Transportation, vote 16, operation of transportation systems, (HI10), winter maintenance, for 6,000 . . . 6,000,000, pardon me. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Yes, 6,000 wouldn't be much snow removal.

**General Revenue Fund
Highways and Transportation
Vote 16**

The Chair: — I invite a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31, 2006, the following sums for Highways and Transportation, \$174,932,000.

Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Vote 16 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund
Lending and Investing Activities
Highways and Transportation
Vote 145**

The Chair: — And no. 23, Highways and Transportation, \$800,000.

Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Vote 145 agreed to.]

The Chair: — I invite a member to move the aforementioned motion.

Mr. Trew: — Mr. Chairman, I so move.

The Chair: — Mr. Trew has moved. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund
Highways and Transportation Capital
Vote 17**

The Chair: — I invite a member to move the following motion:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for a

12-month period ending March 31, 2006 the following sums which are extended that they remain unexpended for the fiscal year, are also granted for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2007, for Highways and Transportation, 125,098,000.

Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — I invite a member to move that.

Ms. Morin: — I so move.

The Chair: — Ms. Morin. Is committee agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

[Vote 17 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund
Supplementary Estimates
Highways and Transportation
Vote 16**

The Chair: — I'll invite a member to move the following motion:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for 12 months ending March 31, 2005, the following sums, for Highways and Transportation, \$6,000,000.

Mr. Trew: — I so move.

The Chair: — Mr. Trew. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

[Vote 16 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund
Northern Affairs
Vote 75**

The Chair: — The next item of business before the committee is the consideration of estimates for the Department of Northern Affairs, vote 75. Is committee ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Chair: — Vote 75, central management and services, (NA01), for \$1,278,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Resources and economic development, (NA04), for \$3,288,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Northern strategy, (NA03), for \$914,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Amortization of capital assets. Amortization is a non-voted, non-cash expense and is presented for informational purposes only, at 7,000,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**General Revenue Fund
Lending and Investing Activities
Northern Affairs
Vote 163**

The Chair: — Okay, 156, lending and investment activities, Northern Affairs, vote 163, for \$2,010,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**General Revenue Fund
Northern Affairs
Vote 75**

The Chair: — Okay. I'll invite a member to move the following motion:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31, 2006, the following sums, for Northern Affairs 5,480,000.

Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — I'll invite a member to move that.

Hon. Mr. Sonntag: — So moved.

The Chair: — Mr. Sonntag. Is the committee agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Vote 75 agreed to.]

The Chair: — I'm getting ahead of myself there.

**General Revenue Fund
Lending and Investing Activities
Northern Affairs
Vote 163**

The Chair: — Okay and no. 25, Northern Affairs, 2,010,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Vote 163 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund
Rural Development
Vote 43**

The Chair: — The next item of business before the committee is the consideration of estimates for the Department of Rural Development, vote 43. Is the committee ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Chair: — Vote 43, Central management and services, (RD01), for 826,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Policy and planning, (RD02), for 547,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Investment programs, (RD03), 3,195,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Industry development, (RD04), for 1,420,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Co-operatives, (RD05), in the amount of 638,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**General Revenue Fund
Lending and Investing Activities
Rural Development
Vote 144**

The Chair: — Lending and investment activities, Rural Development, vote 144, \$8,000,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**General Revenue Fund
Rural Development
Vote 43**

The Chair: — Now I'll invite a member to move the following motion:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for a 12-month ending March 31, 2006, the following sums, Rural Development, 6,626,000.

And I'd invite a member to move that. Ms. Morin. Is the committee . . . Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Vote 43 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund
Lending and Investing Activities
Rural Development
Vote 144**

The Chair: — No. 26, Rural Development, \$8,000,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Vote 144 agreed to.]

The Chair: — The committee has received a copy of the final report and I'll invite a member to move that the committee present the report in the legislature. Mr. Trew.

Mr. Trew: — Mr. Chair, I move the committee report in the legislature.

The Chair: — Thank you. Is the committee agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. That concludes the business before the committee. Before the committee totally adjourns, I just . . . Since this will be the last committee meeting of this sitting, I would invite all the members to have a very good summer. I hope you enjoy yourselves, have some rest and relaxation.

And with that, the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental and Infrastructure stands adjourned. Thank you.

[The committee adjourned at 11:21.]