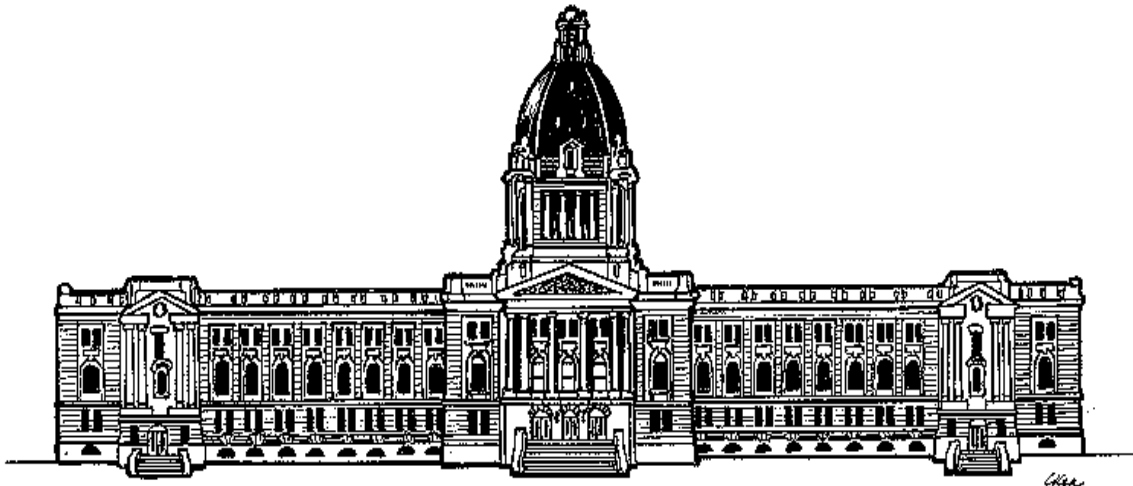




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[The committee met at 16:00.]

**The Chair:** — Good afternoon. We'll convene the Standing Committee of Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure. The item of business before the committee this afternoon is the consideration of 2003 regulations.

We have with us our Law Clerk, Mr. Ring. Mr. Ring, if you wish to have a few words of introduction.

**Mr. Ring:** — Thank you, Mr. Chair. The only words of introduction would be that there's one set of regulations to deal with, and there's also the list of regulations that have been reviewed up to and including September 30, 2006 that members may wish to peruse to see if they want to raise policy issues on. But I'm glad to report to the committee that we are with respect to Intergovernmental Affairs up-to-date, up to and including September, 2006.

I'd also like to take the opportunity to thank both Allison Gartner and Ron Samways from my office for helping me compile the information, get through the regulations, and get the material prepared for members. Thank you.

**The Cities Regulations**  
**C-11.1 Reg 1**  
**The Cities Act**  
*Saskatchewan Gazette April 17, 2003*

**The Chair:** — Thank you, Mr. Ring. As I understand it, the first item to be considered by the committee is the regulations of 2003, The Cities Regulations. Has any member any questions on it? Mr. Huyghebaert.

**Mr. Huyghebaert:** — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just have a couple of questions. Probably more. If I could have Mr. Ring explain some of this, I believe it would be . . . make it a little bit better for our understanding. I just noticed the consistent phraseology, and I'm wondering if there was different phraseology used within the legislation and the regulation. Is that what precipitated this concern?

**Mr. Ring:** — To the member. Yes, to a certain extent in that in the interpretation section of the regulations when they referred to the schedule in the regulations, they didn't include the phrase, to these regulations. And that generally speaking in regulations and in legislation when you refer to an Act or a schedule or appendix, the words to these regulations are added to that word so that it's very clear that you're talking about the appendix to that Act and not another appendix or another external document. And so it's really the fact that those words did not appear as opposed to . . . And the inconsistency there is that they should appear with other when they're used.

The reason it came to my attention was I first saw it, thought it was odd, and then the phrase, to these regulations was used in the appendix and that. So I raised the issue because if it is going to be used in the appendix or the schedule, then they should also include it in the main body of the regulation.

**Mr. Huyghebaert:** — That was the only wording that was omitted was to these regulations.

**Mr. Ring:** — Correct.

**Mr. Huyghebaert:** — And also I guess one further question that I would have is, "The Department of Government Relations will make this amendment the next time the regulations are revised. . . this is expected to occur in 2006." Has in fact that amendment been done yet? We're getting to the close of 2006.

**Mr. Ring:** — I don't believe so. And we did check the regulations to date, up to and including September 30, and they don't . . . They didn't appear to have made changes to The Cities Regulations, and I believe the minister's commitment was to change them the next time they were done. They anticipated 2006, and perhaps that may not occur during 2006.

**Mr. Huyghebaert:** — Thank you, Mr. Ring. And in your letter of November 14, it would be a recommendation to the Intergovernmental Affairs. This is referring to the city regulation C-11.1 Reg 1 that this file be closed. Has that been closed as yet?

**Mr. Ring:** — To the member, I was making that recommendation to the committee and if that's the indication that we get, if that's the indication I receive from the committee, that's what I'll do. But I will continue to monitor The Cities Regulations to see when the change is made and report that back to the committee or report that back through the Chair and the Deputy Chair of the committee.

**Mr. Huyghebaert:** — So from the legal standpoint and from your office, Mr. Ring, then everything is . . . Once this is enacted then The Cities Act will be all legally sound.

**Mr. Ring:** — To the member. Yes, I believe so and I think it's legally sound now. It's more just a question of crossing the t's and dotting the i's.

**Mr. Huyghebaert:** — I have nothing further, Mr. Chair.

**The Chair:** — Thank you, Mr. Huyghebaert. Any further questions by the committee? If not then the committee agrees that Mr. Ring should close the file. That's agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**2006 Regulations — No Legal Issues**  
**(January 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006)**

**The Chair:** — The next item of business before the committee is a 2006 regulations review. Mr. Ring, do you have some comments on this?

**Mr. Ring:** — Mr. Chair, my only comment would be to indicate to the members it's two sheets that come out in a column format and it shows members the name of the Act, the regulation that was passed, and the date that it appears on the *Gazette* on the right-hand side of the page. So that if members do have an issue or question with respect to which regulations pertain to Intergovernmental Affairs, this would be a list members could use to look to see whether it should be raised in this committee or another committee if they wanted to raise an issue of policy.

**The Chair:** — Thank you, Mr. Ring. Is there any questions of Mr. Ring on this particular file? Not seeing any questions, then that will conclude the business before the committee this afternoon. Mr. Ring, I'd like to thank you very much for coming in and making yourself available to the committee and bringing forth your concerns. Thank you very much for a job well done. With that . . .

**Mr. Morgan:** — I would like to thank Ms. Gartner and Mr. Samways for their work and assistance in this. Very much appreciated. Thank you.

**The Chair:** — Mr. Morgan, I will now entertain a motion to adjourn. Mr. Trew, thank you. Seconded, Mr. Morgan. Thank you.

[The committee adjourned at 16:09.]