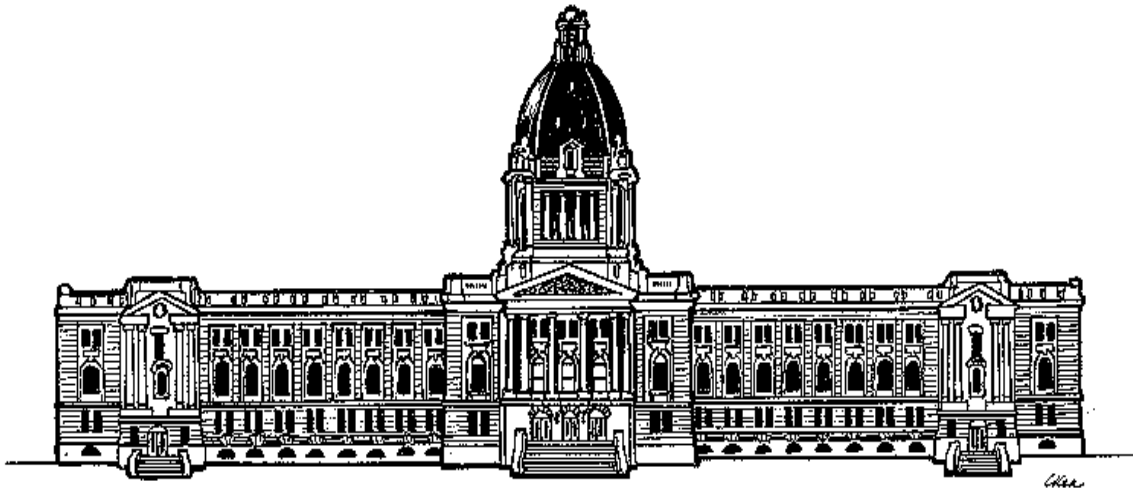




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Mr. Fred Bradshaw
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Mr. Greg Brkich
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Mr. Michael Chisholm
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Saskatoon Sutherland

Mr. Trent Wotherspoon
Regina Rosemont

[The committee met at 15:05.]

The Chair: — Ladies and gentlemen, being at the appointed time, the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice is now in session, and start with Mr. Chisholm.

Mr. Chisholm: — Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In this committee on May 5 during the consideration of estimates from Municipal Affairs, I made an extremely inappropriate and rude remark directed toward the hon. member for Moose Jaw Wakamow. Today I wish to withdraw that offensive remark and again apologize to the member, all of the members of the Assembly and, Mr. Chairman, to this committee. I deeply regret the hurt my words have caused.

The Chair: — Thank you, Mr. Chisholm.

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

The Chair: — Now we'll go to, if you've got your Estimate books, we start on page 79, First Nations and Métis Relations. Go to page 80, central management and services (FN01), and this subvote includes a statutory amount. The amount to be voted is 2,853,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Policy coordination and support for Aboriginal organizations (FN02) in the amount of 8,324,000 Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Gaming agreements (FN03) to the amount of 50,926,000 Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Treaty land entitlement (FN04) to the amount of 4,245,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Northern economic programs and policies (FN05) to the amount of 2,697,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Northern industry and resource development (FN06) to the amount of 1,241,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Amortization of capital assets is a non-voted, non-cash expense and is presented for the information purposes only. Are there any questions? If not, that's agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

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

Be it resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31, 2009, amount in the following sum, 70,286,000.

Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Mr. Bradshaw: — Well I guess I'll make that motion.

The Chair: — Oh sorry. Yes, somebody make that motion.

[Vote 25 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund
Intergovernmental Affairs
Vote 81**

The Chair: — Next one we go to is page 107, Intergovernmental Affairs. Start on that one, page actually 108, central management and services (IA01) in the amount of 861,000, is that agreed . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Sorry, 816,000.

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Intergovernmental relations (IA02), 2,722,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — I'd invite a member to move:

That be it resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31, 2009, the following sum, 3,538,000, for Intergovernmental Affairs.

Is that agreed? Or a motion, sorry.

Mr. Bradshaw: — I will so move.

Mr. Brkich: — I will make a motion for Intergovernmental Affairs . . .

The Chair: — Mr. Brkich.

Mr. Brkich: — 3,538,000.

Mr. Bradshaw: — I beat you to it.

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Vote 81 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund
Justice and Attorney General
Vote 3**

The Chair: — Page 109, Justice and the Attorney General. We start on page 110, central management and services (JU01), and the subvote includes statutory amounts. The amount to be voted is 19,994,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Courts and civil justice (JU03). The subvote includes statutory amounts. The amount to be voted is 32,799,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Marketplace regulations (JU07). This subvote includes statutory amounts. The amount to be voted is 5,440,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Legal and policy services (JU04). This subvote includes statutory amounts. The amount to be voted is 25,354,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Community justice (JU05), 9,920,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Boards and commissions (JU08), 3,050,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Sorry. I'm on the wrong line here. Boards and commissions (JU08), 23,843,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — And court capital (JU11). Now that is the 3,050,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — And this again is amortized as a non-voted non-cash expense and is presented for information purposes only. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed. And I'd ask a member to move:

That be it resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31, 2009, the following sum for Justice and Attorney General, 120,400,000.

Is that agreed? Mr. Chisholm.

Mr. Chisholm: — That was March 30? As of March 30, did you say?

The Chair: — I said March 31.

Mr. Chisholm: — March 31. Okay.

The Chair: — Yes.

[Vote 3 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund
Municipal Affairs
Vote 30**

The Chair: — Now we'll go to Municipal Affairs, page 115, starting at 116, central management and services (MA01). The subvote includes statutory amounts. The amount to be voted is 4,363,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Municipal financial assistance (MA07). This subvote includes statutory amounts. The amount to be voted is 190,284,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — 190,284,000. Okay? Agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Agreed. Federal and municipal assistance (MA10) and that is 32,397,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Municipal relations (MA08) and that's 6,554,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Saskatchewan Municipal Board (MA06). That's 1,297,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**General Revenue Fund
Further Estimates
Growth and Financial Security Fund
Vote 82**

The Chair: — And now I'd direct your attention to the further estimates that have been passed out to everyone. And that's Growth and Financial Security Fund transfer (GF01). The amount in this subvote are statutory and it's 124,810,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Vote 82 — Statutory.]

**General Revenue Fund
Municipal Affairs
Vote 30**

The Chair: — I would invite a member to make the move:

That be it resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31, 2009 the following sum for Municipal Affairs, 245,307,000.

An Hon. Member: — I so move.

The Chair: — Ms. Schriemer. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Vote 30 agreed to.]

Ms. Higgins: — Mr. Chair, could I get clarification on the last number, please. Sorry — the Municipal Affairs further estimates — could I just get clarification. Sorry, I was catching up on pages.

The Chair: — It was 124,810,000. It was under the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, yes.

**General Revenue Fund
Further Estimates
Municipal Affairs
Vote 30**

The Chair: — We have a mistake. We're going to have to back up. We go back to that estimate here and we go to further estimates Municipal Affairs, vote 30. And it's municipal financial assistance (MA07) and it's the amount of 10,412,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**General Revenue Fund
Lending and Investing Activities
Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan
Vote 151**

The Chair: — We go to page 162, and there's a Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan, vote 151, loans (MF01), and it's statutory. So if there are any questions? If not, 37,500,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Vote 151 — Statutory.]

The Chair: — Okay. We go to Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport, page 133 it starts and we . . .

Mr. Chisholm: — Question. On page 162 there are some items where it says, to be voted, to be voted, and then there's some that say, statutory. But do we need to vote the ones that say, to be voted? Like the very first one — Advanced Education, Employment and Labour, to be voted.

The Chair: — I'm informed that those are for the other committees they come in. They don't enter in our committee, and the only one that enters our committee is the one we've just done. Thank you.

**General Revenue Fund
Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport
Vote 27**

The Chair: — Back to Tourism, page 134, central management and services (TC01). This subvote includes statutory amounts. This amount to be voted is 9,861,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Tourism (TC13), and it's the amount of 16,016,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Capital City Commission (TC14), 700,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Parks (TC12), the amount of subvote, including statutory amounts. This amount to be voted is 23,779,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Building communities (TC11), 37,391,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Culture (TC03), for the amount of 21,201,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Heritage (TC07), the amount of 12,484,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Strategic policy, planning and partnerships (TC15), the amount of 2,462,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Community Initiatives Fund (TC06), the amount of 9,339,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Saskatchewan Communications Network (TC08) for the amount of 5,997,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Once again, amortization is a non-voted, non-cash expense and is presented for information purposes only. Any questions? If not, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — If a member would so move:

Be it resolved that there be granted for Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31, 2009, the following sum for Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport, 130,230,000.

Mr. Brkich: — I so make that motion.

The Chair: — Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Vote 27 agreed to.]

The Chair: — Okay, we can now go to the third report which was distributed to the members. Mr. Chisholm.

Mr. Chisholm: — I move:

That the third report of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The Chair: — The question before the committee is:

That the third report of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. That being our work completed, I would ask for a motion of adjournment.

Mr. Bradshaw: — I will so move.

The Chair: — We have a motion of adjournment. Thank you, one and all, for all your hard work on the committee. And, Mr. Chisholm, I'm expecting a report on how much money we spent this . . .

Mr. Chisholm: — I'll have to tally it up.

The Chair: — Thank you.

[The committee adjourned at 15:25.]