

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
May 16, 2005**

**MINUTE NO. 15  
3:00 p.m. – Room 8**

1. **Present:** Mr. Harper in the Chair and Members Allchurch, Draude, Huyghebaert, Iwanchuk\*, Morin, Sonntag and Trew.

**Substituting Member**

Mr. Iwanchuk for Hon. Mr. Sonntag (for consideration of Estimates for the Department of Highways and Transportation)

**Other Members**

Hon. Mr. Belanger, Mr. Bjornerud, Mr. Borgerson, Mr. Brkich, Hon. Ms. Crofford, Mr. D'Autremont, Mr. Dearborn, Ms. Eagles, Mr. Elhard, Mr. Hagel, Ms. Harpauer, Mr. Heppner, Hon. Mr. Prebble, Hon. Mr. Serby, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Wakefield, Hon. Mr. Wartman and Mr. Weekes

2. The committee received the Phase II – Final Report and a presentation from the Action Committee on the Rural Economy (ACRE).

The following Action Committee on the Rural Economy members and Department of Rural Development officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Audrey Horkoff, Co-chair  
Dick DeRyk, Co-Chair, Infrastructure Subcommittee  
Loren Katzenberger, Co-Chair, Rural Employment Subcommittee  
Linda Pipke, Co-Chair, Business Development Subcommittee  
Red Williams, Co-Chair, Crown Land Subcommittee  
Danea Armstrong Knittig  
Ernie Barber  
Everett Bear  
Joan Corneil  
Clay Dowling  
Deborah Ehmann  
Neal Hardy  
Gene Kessler  
Les Lindberg  
Faye Myers  
Phil Reeves  
David Sloan  
Hugh Wagner  
Wanda Wolf

Louise Greenberg, Deputy Minister, Rural Development  
Alan Syhlonyk, Director, Policy and Planning, Rural Development  
Leeann Minogue, Policy Advisor, Policy and Planning, Rural Development

3. The following document was tabled:

**IAI 9/25 – Action Committee on the Rural Economy:** Phase II Final Report, May 2005.

4. The committee recessed from 5:12 p.m. until 7:10 p.m.
5. The committee considered Bill No. 104 – The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2005.

The following Department of Government Relations Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Len Taylor, Minister

John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

Keith Comstock, Policy Manager, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

Rod Nasewich, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

Allan Laird, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

Noela Bamford, Senior Policy and Legislative Analyst, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

Ralph Leibel, Acting Executive Director, Community Planning, Municipal Relations

Len Kowalko, Director, Community Planning - Saskatoon, Municipal Relations

6. The question being put on clauses 1 to 51, they were agreed to.
7. On motion of Mr. Trew:

Ordered, That the committee report Bill No. 104 – The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2005 - without amendment.

8. The committee considered Bill No. 105 – The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2005.

The following Department of Government Relations Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Len Taylor, Minister

John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

Keith Comstock, Policy Manager, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

Rod Nasewich, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

Allan Laird, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

Noela Bamford, Senior Policy and Legislation Analyst, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

9. The question being put on clauses 1 to 27, they were agreed to.
10. On motion of Ms. Morin:

Ordered, That the committee report Bill No. 105 – The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2005 - without amendment.

11. The committee considered Bill No. 106 – The Municipalities Act.

The following Department of Government Relations Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Len Taylor, Minister

John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

Keith Comstock, Policy Manager, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

Rod Nasewich, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

Allan Laird, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

Noela Bamford, Senior Policy and Legislation Analyst, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

Ralph Leibel, Acting Executive Director, Community Planning, Municipal Relations

Len Kowalko, Director, Community Planning - Saskatoon, Municipal Relations

12. The question being put on clauses 1 to 484, they were agreed to.

13. On motion of Mr. Trew:

Ordered, That the committee report Bill No. 106 – The Municipalities Act - without amendment.

14. The committee considered Bill No. 107 – The Municipalities Consequential Amendment Act, 2005 / Projet de loi n° 107 – Loi de 2005 sur les modifications corrélatives découlant de la loi intitulée The Municipalities Act

The following Department of Government Relations Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Len Taylor, Minister

John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

Keith Comstock, Policy Manager, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

Rod Nasewich, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

Allan Laird, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

Noela Bamford, Senior Policy and Legislation Analyst, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

Ralph Leibel, Acting Executive Director, Community Planning, Municipal Relations

Len Kowalko, Director, Community Planning - Saskatoon, Municipal Relations

15. The question being put on clauses 1 to 6, they were agreed to.

16. On motion of Mr. Trew:

Ordered, That the committee report Bill No. 107 – The Municipalities Consequential Amendment Act, 2005 / Projet de loi n° 107 – Loi de 2005 sur les modifications corrélatives découlant de la loi intitulée The Municipalities Act - without amendment.

17. The committee resumed consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Highways and Transportation.

The following Department of Highways and Transportation Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Maynard Sonntag, Minister

John Law, Deputy Minister

Terry Schmidt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations

George Stamatinos, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Programs

Cathy Lynn Borbely, Acting Director, Corporate Support

18. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Highways and Transportation.
19. The committee adjourned at 10:39 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Margaret A. Woods  
Committee Clerk

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Ron Harper  
Committee Chair