

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
November 24, 2005**

**MINUTE NO. 17  
3:00 p.m. – Chamber**

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

**Substituting Members**

Mr. Stewart for Ms. Draude (for consideration of Highways and Transportation)

Mr. Yates for Hon. Mr. Sonntag (for consideration of First Nations and Métis Relations)

**Other Members**

Mr. Bjornerud, Mr. Brkich, Mr. Hermanson, Mr. Wall, Mr. Weekes

2. The following documents were tabled:

**IAI 11/25 – Department of Highways and Transportation:** Response to questions raised at the May 5, 2005 meeting of the committee, re: guardrails at Petrofka Bridge, forestry commitments, transport compliance officers, and partnerships, dated June 17, 2005.

**IAI 12/25 – Department of First Nations and Métis Relations:** Response to questions raised at the May 12, 2005 meeting of the committee, re: SIGA Casino gaming revenues, a breakdown of spending for the benefit of Métis, and Métis hunting and fishing rights in southern Saskatchewan, dated June 15, 2005.

3. The Chair advised that the committee had received an Order of the Assembly, dated November 21, 2005, to consider and report back on the Supplementary Estimates for the following departments and agencies:

Vote 25	First Nations and Métis Relations
Vote 30	Government Relations
Vote 16	Highways and Transportation

4. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of First Nations and Métis Relations.

The following Department of First Nations and Métis Relations Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Maynard Sonntag, Minister

John Reid, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister

Susan Carani, Director, Lands and Resources

Laurier Donais, Director, Finance, Accountability and Corporate Services

Cora Sellers, Senior Policy Analyst, Aboriginal Economic Development Program

Jennifer Brass, Executive Assistant and Policy Advisor to the Deputy Minister

5. The committee adjourned consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of First Nations and Métis Relations.

6. The committee then considered the 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. Eldon Lautermilch, Minister  
John Law, Deputy Minister  
Terry Schmidt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations  
George Stamatinos, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Programs  
Ted Stobbs, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services  
Gary Diebel, Director, Finance and Administration Branch, Corporate Services

7. The committee adjourned consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Highways and Transportation.
8. The committee then considered the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Government Relations.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Pat Atkinson, Minister Responsible for Immigration  
Hon. Len Taylor, Minister of Government Relations  
Maryellen Carlson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Relations  
Wanda Lamberti, Executive Director, Central Management Services  
Russ Krywulak, Executive Director, Grants Administration and Provincial-Municipal Relations  
Marj Abel, Director, Finance and Administration  
Eric Johansen, Director, Immigration  
Kathy Rintoul, Director, New Deal Secretariat  
Ken Kolb, Executive Assistant and Policy Advisor to the Deputy Minister

9. The committee adjourned consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Government Relations.
10. The committee adjourned at 5:16 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