

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
November 29, 2005**

**MINUTE NO. 18  
7:00 p.m. – Chamber**

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

**Substituting Members**

Mr. Stewart for Ms. Draude (for consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Highways and Transportation and the Department of Government Relations)

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

**Other Members**

Mr. D'Autremont, Mr. Kirsch, Mr. Toth, Mr. Weekes

2. 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

Nora Sanders, Deputy 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

3. On motion of Mr. Yates:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2006 the sum:

For First Nations and Métis Relations ..... \$5,711,000

4. 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

Witnesses (continued)

George Stamatinos, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Programs

Ted Stobbs, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services

Cathy Lynn Borbely, Acting Director, Corporate Support Branch, Corporate Services

5. On motion of Mr. Trew:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2006 the sum:

For Highways and Transportation..... \$3,591,000

6. 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

Harvey Brooks, Deputy Minister

Maryellen Carlson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Relations

Wanda Lamberti, Executive Director, Central Management Services

Russ Krywulak, Executive Director, Grants Administration and Provincial-Municipal Relations

Eric Johansen, Director, Immigration

Kathy Rintoul, Director, New Deal Secretariat

Keith Cornstock, Policy Manager, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

7. On motion of Ms. Morin:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2006 the sum:

For Government Relations ..... \$18,478,000

8. The committee considered its Fourth Report of the 25<sup>th</sup> Legislature. It was then moved by Ms. Morin:

That the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on the Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure be adopted.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

9. The committee adjourned at 9:57 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

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Margaret A. Woods  
Committee Clerk

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Ron Harper  
Committee Chair