STANDING COMMITTEE ON
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
April 20, 2006

MINUTE NO. 21
3:10 p.m. – Chamber

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

   Substituting Member
   Mr. Chisholm for Ms. Draude (for consideration of Bill No. 15 - The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2005)
   Mr. McCall for Hon. Mr. Sonntag (for consideration of Bill No. 15 - The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2005)

   Other Member
   Mr. Weekes

2. The committee considered Bill No. 4 - The Assessment Management Agency Amendment Act, 2005.

   The following Government Relations Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions.

   <u>Witnesses</u>
   Hon. Harry Van Mulligen, Minister
   John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy Development Branch, Municipal Relations
   Rod Nasewich, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy Development Branch, Municipal Relations
   Keith Comstock, Policy Manager, Policy Development Branch, Municipal Relations
   Norm Magnin, Policy Manager, Policy Development Branch, Municipal Relations

3. The following documents were tabled:

   IAI 13/25 - Department of Government Relations: Response to questions raised at the April 4, 2006 meeting of the committee, re: Supplementary Questions and Answers - *The Assessment Management Agency Act*.

4. The question being put on clauses 1 to 9, they were agreed to.

5. During consideration of clause 10, it was moved by Mr. Trew:

   Strike out clause 10 of the printed Bill and substitute the following:

   "Coming into force
   10(1) Subject to subsection (2), this Act comes into force on assent.
   (2) Subsections 6(1), 7(1) and 7(2) of this Act come into force on January 1, 2009.**"**

   The amendment was agreed to.

   The question being put on clause 10 as amended, it was agreed to.

6. On motion of Mr. Trew:

    Ordered, That the committee report Bill No. 4 - The Assessment Management Agency Amendment Act, 2005 - with amendment.

7. The committee considered Bill No. 5 - The Cities Amendment Act, 2005.

    The following Government Relations Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions.

    Witnesses
    Hon. Harry Van Mulligen, Minister
    John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy Development Branch, Municipal Relations
    Rod Nasewich, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy Development Branch, Municipal Relations
    Keith Comstock, Policy Manager, Policy Development Branch, Municipal Relations
    Norm Magnin, Policy Manager, Policy Development Branch, Municipal Relations

8. The question being put on clauses 1 to 50, they were agreed to.

9. During consideration of clause 51, it was moved by Mr. Iwanchuk:

    Strike out clause 51 of the printed Bill and substitute the following:

    > **"Coming into force**
    > 51(1) Subject to subsection (2) and (3), this Act comes into force on assent.
    > (2) Subsections 15(3), 20(3), 20(4), 21(2), sections 24 and 26 to 30, subsections 32(2), 32(3), 33(2) and 34(1), and sections 35, 37, 41 and 43 to 45 of this Act come into force on January 1, 2007.
    > (3) Clause 3(a), sections 13 and 14, subsections 15(1), (2), (4) and (7), sections 16, 17 and 19, clause 31(b), sections 38 and 39, subsections 40(2), and sections 42 and 50 of this Act come into force on January 1, 2009.**"**

    The amendment was agreed to.

    The question being put on clause 51 as amended, it was agreed to.

10. On motion of Mr. Iwanchuk:

    Ordered, That the committee report Bill No. 5 - The Cities Amendment Act, 2005 - with amendment.

11. The committee considered Bill No. 6 - The Municipalities Amendment Act, 2005.

    The following Government Relations Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions.

    Witnesses
    Hon. Harry Van Mulligen, Minister
    John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy Development Branch, Municipal Relations
    Rod Nasewich, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy Development Branch, Municipal Relations
    Keith Comstock, Policy Manager, Policy Development Branch, Municipal Relations
    Norm Magnin, Policy Manager, Policy Development Branch, Municipal Relations

12. The question being put on clauses 1 to 48, they were agreed to.

13. During consideration of clause 49, it was moved by Mr. Trew:

    Strike out clause 49 of the printed Bill and substitute the following:

    "Coming into force
    49(1) Subject to subsection (2), (3) and (4), this Act comes into force on assent.
    (2) Clause 15(b) and sections 43 and 48 of this Act come into force on assent but are retroactive and are deemed to have been in force on and from January 1, 2006.
    (3) Sections 12 and 13, subsections 17(2), 22(2), 22(3), 23(2) and 25(2), sections 26 to 29, subsections 31(2), 31(3) and 32(2), and sections 33 to 35, 39, 41, 42 and 44 of this Act come into force on January 1, 2007.
    (4) Clauses 3(a) and 15(a) and (c), section 16, subsections 17(1), (3) and (6), sections 18, 19, 21, 30, 36 and 37, and subsections 38(2) and 40(2) of this Act come into force on January 1, 2009.**"**

    The amendment was agreed to.

    The question being put on clause 49 as amended, it was agreed to.

14. On motion of Mr. Trew:

    Ordered, That the committee report Bill No. 6 - The Municipalities Amendment Act, 2005 - with amendment.

15. The committee recessed from 4:10 p.m. until 4:20 p.m.

16. The committee considered Bill No. 15 - The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2005.

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

Witnesses
Hon. Eldon Lautermilch, Minister
Terry Schmidt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations Division
Ted Stobbs, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Division
Bryan Peacock, Director, Financial Systems Program, Corporate Services Division
Reg Cox, Manager, Government Policy and Stakeholder Relations

17. The question being put on clauses 1 to 9, they were agreed to.

18. On motion of Mr. McCall:

Ordered, That the committee report Bill No. 15 - The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2005 - without amendment.

19. The committee adjourned at 5:01 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Margaret A. Woods   Ron Harper
Committee Clerk   Committee Chair