

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
May 4, 2006**

**MINUTE NO. 24
4:00 p.m. – Chamber**

1. **Present:** Mr. Harper in the Chair and Members, Draude, Higgins*, Huyghebaert, Iwanchuk, Trew and Wartman*.

Substituting Members

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

Hon. Mr. Wartman for Hon. Mr. Sonntag (from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.)

Other Members

Mr. Brkich, Mr. Weekes

2. The committee considered the Estimates and 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

Richard Gladue, Assistant Deputy Minister

Trisha Delormier-Hill, Executive Director, Lands and Resources

John Reid, Executive Director, Aboriginal Policy and Operations

Laurier Donais, Director, Finance, Accountability and Corporate Services

Rob Spelliscy, Director, Gaming Trust and Grants

Jennifer Brass, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister

3. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of First Nations and Métis Relations.
4. The committee recessed from 6:01 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
5. The committee considered the Estimates and 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. Harry Van Mulligan, Minister

Maryellen Carlson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Relations

Paul Osborne, Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade and International Relations

John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

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

Wanda Lamberti, Executive Director, Central Management Services

Witnesses (continued)

Marj Abel, Director, Finance and Administration, Central Management Services
René Boudreau, Director, Office of French Language Co-ordination
Ralph Leibel, Director, Community Planning Branch
Doug Morcom, Director, Grants Administration and Financial Management

6. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Government Relations.
7. The committee considered 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. Eldon Lautermilch, Minister
John Law, Deputy Minister
Terry Schmidt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations Division
George Stamatinos, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Programs Division
Ted Stobbs, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Division
Tim Kealey, Director, Corporate Support Branch

8. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Highways and Transportation.
9. The committee adjourned at 9:02 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Ron Harper
Committee Chair