

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
May 16, 2006**

**MINUTE NO. 26
3:05 p.m. – Chamber**

1. **Present:** Mr. Harper in the Chair and Members Allchurch, Draude, Iwanchuk, Sonntag, Trew, Wartman* and Weekes*.

Substituting Members

Hon. Mr. Wartman for Hon. Mr. Sonntag (for consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Government Relations)

Mr. Weekes for Mr. Huyghebaert

Other Members

Mr. Brkich, Mr. Hart, Mr. Hermanson, Mr. Kirsch, Mr. McMorris, Mr. Morgan

2. The committee considered Bill No. 48 - The Parks Amendment Act, 2006.

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

Witnesses

Hon. John Nilson, Minister

Dave Phillips, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment and Resource Stewardship Division

Syd Barber, Executive Director, Parks Branch, Environment and Resource Stewardship Division

3. The question being put on clauses 1 to 7, they were agreed to.
4. It was moved by Mr. Trew:

That the committee report Bill No. 48 - The Parks Amendment Act, 2006 - without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

5. 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

6. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Highways and Transportation.

7. The committee recessed from 5:32 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.
8. 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

Harvey Brooks, Deputy Minister

Paul Osborne, Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade and International Relations

Peggy Brundson, Executive Director, Community Planning

John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy Development, Municipal Relations

Dylan Jones, Executive Director, Canadian Intergovernmental Relations

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

Marj Abel, Director, Finance and Administration, Central Management Services

Doug Morcom, Director, Grants Administration and Financial Management

9. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Government Relations.
10. The committee adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Ron Harper
Committee Chair