

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
April 30, 2007**

**MINUTE NO. 44
3:00 p.m. – Chamber**

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

Other Members

Mr. Brkich, Mr. Chisholm, Mr. Hart, Mr. Morgan

2. The following document was tabled:

IAI 38/25 First Nations and Métis Relations: Response to questions raised at the April 16, 2007 meeting of the committee, re: criteria used for the Consultation Capacity Fund and the consultation capacity funding for 2006-07, dated April 20, 2007.

3. The committee considered the 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

Richard Gladue, Deputy Minister

John Reid, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister

Trisha Delormier-Hill, Executive Director, Lands and Resources

Seonaid MacPherson, Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives

Doreen Bradshaw, Director, Aboriginal Employment Development Program

Laurier Donais, Director, Finance, Accountability and Corporate Services

Jennifer Brass, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister

4. On motion of Mr. Trew:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008 the following sum:

For First Nations and Métis Relations\$51,694,000

5. The committee recessed from 4:38 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

6. The committee considered the Estimates for the Department of Justice.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Frank Quennell, Minister

Doug Moen, Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney General

Keith Laxdal, Associate Deputy Minister, Finance and Administration Division

Rod Crook, Assistant Deputy Minister, Courts and Civil Justice

Witnesses (continued)

Susan Amrud, Executive Director, Public Law Division
Linda Bogard, Executive Director, Court Services
Murray Brown, Executive Director, Public Prosecutions
Betty Ann Pottruff, Executive Director, Policy, Planning and Evaluation
Murray Sawatsky, Executive Director, Law Enforcement Services
Gerald Tegart, Executive Director, Civil Law Division
Jan Turner, Executive Director, Community Justice Division
Gord Sisson, Director, Administrative Services
Don McKillop, Crown Counsel, Civil Law
Kylie Head, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister

7. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Justice.
8. The committee considered the Estimates for the Department of Northern Affairs.

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

Witnesses

Joan Beatty, Minister
Alan Hilton, Deputy Minister
Anita Jones, Executive Director, Planning and Financial Management
Richard Turkheim, Executive Director, Resource and Industry Development
Gerald DesRoches, Senior Account Manager, NANDF Loan Program

9. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Northern Affairs.
10. The committee adjourned at 9:26 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Ron Harper
Committee Chair