

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE
Monday, April 29, 2013

MINUTE NO. 20
3:00 p.m. – Legislative Chamber

1. **Present:** Warren Michelson in the Chair and Members D.F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert, Victoria Jergens*, John Nilson*, Rob Norris, Kevin Phillips, Warren Steinley, Corey Tochor, Doyle Vermette and Trent Wotherspoon*.

Substituting Members

John Nilson for Doyle Vermette (3:42 p.m. – 4:19 p.m. only)

Victoria Jergens for Rob Norris (6:59 p.m. – 10:19 p.m. only)

Trent Wotherspoon for Doyle Vermette (6:59 p.m. – 10:19 p.m. only)

Other Members

John Nilson

2. The committee considered Bill No. 65 – The Securities Amendment Act, 2012 (No. 2).

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

Witnesses

Hon. Gordon Wyant, Minister

Chris Hambleton, Crown Counsel, Legislative Services Branch

Dean Murrison, Director, Securities Division, Saskatchewan Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority

3. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 49, they were agreed to.

4. It was moved by Mr. Norris:

That the committee report Bill No. 65 – The Securities Amendment Act, 2012 (No. 2) – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

5. The committee considered Bill No. 51 – The Public Inquiries Act, 2012 / Projet de loi no 51 – Loi de 2012 sur les enquêtes publiques.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Gordon Wyant, Minister

Darcy McGovern, Director, Legislative Services

6. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 36, they were agreed to.

7. It was moved by Mr. Steinley:

That the committee report Bill No. 51 – The Public Inquiries Act, 2012 / Projet de loi no 51 – Loi de 2012 sur les enquêtes publiques – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

8. The committee considered Bill No. 52 – The Public Inquiries Consequential Amendments Act, 2012.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Gordon Wyant, Minister
Darcy McGovern, Director, Legislative Services

9. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 48, they were agreed to.

10. It was moved by Mr. Phillips:

That the committee report Bill No. 52 – The Public Inquiries Consequential Amendments Act, 2012 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

11. The committee recessed from 4:19 p.m. until 6:59 p.m.

12. The committee considered the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Government Relations.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Jim Reiter, Minister
Al Hilton, Deputy Minister
Karen Lautsch, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety and Corporate Services
Margaret Anderson, Executive Director, Provincial Disaster Assistance Program
Duane McKay, Executive Director and Fire Commissioner
Jeff Markewich, Director, Financial Planning
Tamie Folwark, Program Manager, Provincial Disaster Assistance Program
Noel McAvena, Financial Manager, Provincial Disaster Assistance Program

13. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Government Relations.

14. The committee recessed from 9:15 p.m. until 9:24 p.m.

15. The committee considered Bill No. 67 – The Community Planning Profession Act, 2012.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Jim Reiter, Minister
Al Hilton, Deputy Minister
Keith Comstock, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Relations and Northern Engagement
John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy and Program Services
Sheldon Green, Executive Director, Advisory Services and Municipal Relations
Rod Nasewich, Director, Policy and Legislation

Alan Laird, Senior Policy Analyst
Dianne Ford, Chair, Saskatchewan Municipal Board

16. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 60, they were agreed to.

17. It was moved by Mr. Tochor:

That the committee report Bill No. 67 – The Community Planning Profession Act, 2012 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

18. The committee considered Bill No. 73 – The Municipalities Amendment Act, 2012.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Jim Reiter, Minister
Al Hilton, Deputy Minister
Keith Comstock, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Relations and Northern Engagement
John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy and Program Services
Sheldon Green, Executive Director, Advisory Services and Municipal Relations
Rod Nasewich, Director, Policy and Legislation
Alan Laird, Senior Policy Analyst
Dianne Ford, Chair, Saskatchewan Municipal Board

19. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 59, they were agreed to.

20. It was moved by Mr. Phillips:

That the committee report Bill No. 73 – The Municipalities Amendment Act, 2012 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

21. The committee considered Bill No. 74 – The Cities Amendment Act, 2012.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Jim Reiter, Minister
Al Hilton, Deputy Minister
Keith Comstock, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Relations and Northern Engagement
John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy and Program Services
Sheldon Green, Executive Director, Advisory Services and Municipal Relations
Rod Nasewich, Director, Policy and Legislation
Alan Laird, Senior Policy Analyst
Dianne Ford, Chair, Saskatchewan Municipal Board

22. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 44, they were agreed to.

23. It was moved by Mr. Tochor:

That the committee report Bill No. 74 – The Cities Amendment Act, 2012 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

24. The committee considered Bill No. 75 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2012.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Jim Reiter, Minister

Al Hilton, Deputy Minister

Keith Comstock, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Relations and Northern Engagement

John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy and Program Services

Sheldon Green, Executive Director, Advisory Services and Municipal Relations

Rod Nasewich, Director, Policy and Legislation

Alan Laird, Senior Policy Analyst

Dianne Ford, Chair, Saskatchewan Municipal Board

25. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 59, they were agreed to.

26. It was moved by Mr. Huyghebaert:

That the committee report Bill No. 75 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2012 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

27. The committee considered Bill No. 76 – The Municipal Board Amendment Act, 2012.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Jim Reiter, Minister

Al Hilton, Deputy Minister

Keith Comstock, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Relations and Northern Engagement

John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy and Program Services

Sheldon Green, Executive Director, Advisory Services and Municipal Relations

Rod Nasewich, Director, Policy and Legislation

Alan Laird, Senior Policy Analyst

Dianne Ford, Chair, Saskatchewan Municipal Board

28. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 18, they were agreed to.

29. It was moved by Ms. Jergens:

That the committee report Bill No. 76 – The Municipal Board Amendment Act, 2012 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

30. It was moved by Mr. Steinley:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

31. The committee adjourned at 10:19 p.m. until May 1, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

Rob Park
Committee Clerk

Warren Michelson
Committee Chair